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Nearly 2 dozen farm animals get stuck in mud in San Bernardino County
By Staff Writer, ABC 7
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Seventeen farm animals had to be rescued Wednesday afternoon after they got stuck in mud in an unincorporated part of San Bernardino County.

MUSCOY, Calif. (KABC) -- Nearly two dozen farm animals had to be rescued Wednesday afternoon after they got stuck in mud in an unincorporated part of San Bernardino County.

The county fire department responded to the 2400 block of West 1st Avenue in Muscoy where 17 animals, including several cows, horses and bulls, were found stuck in deep mud.

Six animals had been rescued at around 5:30 p.m. An additional three were also rescued shortly after at around 6 p.m.

At least one of the animals was reportedly found dead.

Officials said the San Bernardino County Animal Control is taking the animals to the Devore Animal Shelter for a full evaluation by a veterinarian.

AIR7 HD was above the scene where dozens of rescue crews were on the scene, working to clear a path for the animals to get out safely.

A strong storm has been drenching Southern California the past few days with heavy rainfall.

The rain is expected to clear Thursday but may make its way back to the region next week.

https://abc7.com/inland-empire-muscoy-farm-animals-rescued-livestock/12993290/
Significant storm dumps feet of snow on Southern California mountains
By Staff Writer, Fox Weather
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San Bernardino County Fire District Public Information Officer Eric Sherwin said the mountains received 1-3 feet of snow from a powerful storm system this week. Sherwin noted that hundreds of homes were destroyed by storms this winter and that more snow would fall in the coming days and weeks.

https://www.foxweather.com/watch/play-6493af6580016b9
Crews rescue farm animals stuck in thick mud in San Bernardino County

By Josh DuBose, KTLA 5
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Crews with the San Bernardino County Fire Department work to rescue animals trapped in mud at a farm in Muscoy Mar. 22, 2023 (SBCFD)

Crews with the San Bernardino County Fire Department on Wednesday worked to rescue more than a dozen farm animals trapped in deep mud after several days of heavy rains.

The rescue started shortly after 5 p.m. at a farm in Muscoy where the animals, including horses, cows and bulls, were stuck.

First responders were able to rescue several of the animals, but had to set up a “skid steer to clear a path to access the additional 11 animals,” officials said.

Video of the rescue showed fire personnel using the skid steer clear more mud from the area while crews dragged a cow to safety.

Nearly two hours later, while crews were working to move out the smaller animals, SBCFD said that all the large animals had been rescued and taken to Devore Animal Shelter by animal control where they would be evaluated by a veterinarian.

Letters to the editor and guest commentary are the opinions of their writers.

In regards to article “County Fire waits for show to drop,” in May 2022 Measure Z was approved by the taxpayers at about 60%. San Bernardino County Superior Court invalidated it. Why is one person above the will of the voters?

As I understand the issue, San Bernardino County sued the taxpayers to overturn the will of the voters using taxpayer money. Then the Fire Protection District sued the taxpayers over Measure Z using taxpayer money. The county legal bills are being paid by the taxpayers. Sounds to me like the taxpayers are the only ones taking it in the chin over and over again.

The Fire Protection District CFO states, “every year that there’s no decision made that’s another $40 to $50 million.” He is insinuating that they are paying. Sir, the taxpayers are continuing to pay your high salaries and fund mismanagement activities.

For example in a different article the fire department said that over 97% of the times they sent out a fire truck were events where they were not needed by EMS. Why doesn’t the board of supervisors demand that the Fire Protection District tighten their belts like the taxpayers are doing?

I think if Supervisor Rowe wants my vote for another four years she better figure out how to agree with the will of the voters, aka taxpayers, in which 60% repealed Measure Z. Stop suing the taxpayers with taxpayer money. Drop the lawsuits.